

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the entire first full paragraph on page 16 (lines 5 to 10):

~~Al₂O₃ powder, SiO₂ powder, SrCO₃ powder, TiO₂ powder, Bi₂O₃ powder, CuO powder, MnO₂ powder, Na₂CO₃ powder and K₂CO₃ powder were mixed with pure water in a ball mill to obtain a slurry. After adding PVA to this slurry in a proportion of 1% by mass per the dry weight of the starting material powder, the slurry was dried by a spray dryer; to obtain dry granules having an average diameter of about 0.1 mm.~~